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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"There are rules relating to the postponement or remission of the land revenue and no doubt those rules will be applied. If any special orders are required which the local officers cannot pass, they will no doubt apply to the Government or to the Board of Revenue."

Relief to the people of the flood-affected areas.

* 15 Q.—Mr. G. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken to ascertain the total estimate of the loss of crops, property or other damage caused by the recent floods ;

(b) whether any enquiry has been instituted by the Board of Revenue or by the Government with a view to ascertain the nature and extent of the relief that has to be given by the Government

(i) by way of remission and suspension of revenue for total or partial failure of crops ;

(ii) by way of advances or loans to cultivators and to the people rendered homeless for the purpose of helping them to repair or rebuild their tenements or otherwise ; and

(c) whether the Government have received any proposals from the Collectors concerned or the Board of Revenue for relief in the manner above set forth, and if so, whether the Government propose to consult this Council before deciding on any action ?

A.—(a) to (c) The hon Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 14. The question of consulting the Legislative Council on the subject will be considered on receipt of the report.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I find in the answer to the question that the question of consulting the Legislative Council will be considered on receipt of the report. I want to know whether it is the intention of the Government to delay the matter until they consult the Council ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"Further relief will be given without waiting for the opinion of the Council whenever necessary."

Irrigation

Site for the reservoir of the Tungabhadra project.

* 16 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) in what stage the investigation of the new site recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee for the reservoir of the Tungabhadra project is ; and

(b) what other steps the Government have so far taken towards the execution of the above project ?

A.—(a) The investigation of the site at Timmalapuram has been completed.

(b) The Government is in correspondence with other Governments which have an interest in the Tungabhadra.

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Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the Timmalapuram site has been found to be feasible for a reservoir?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"Yes, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"Is that the only site they are considering?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"No, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know how many Governments are concerned in this matter and with whom correspondence is being carried on?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"Three Governments: Bombay Mysore and Hyderabad."

Mr. A Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Can you publish the correspondence relating to any one of them?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"No, Sir."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—"May I know on what matters the Government are carrying on correspondence with the other Governments referred to? Is it with regard to the site or with regard to the water?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The main questions are those of sharing the waters of the Tungabadhra and also submerging portions of the territories of other Governments."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I take it that the Government have not yet come to any decision and whether, taking into account the feeling of the people in the locality, the Government will make up their mind to complete the scheme soon?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The Government are most anxious to carry out the scheme, but it is not possible to do so till they come to terms with the other Governments concerned and necessarily the decision as to which site we should adopt must depend upon the result of the negotiations that are being carried on now."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member proposed to visit Bellary on the last occasion but had to cancel it on account of the heavy rains and the consequent inaccessiblity of going to the place?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I visited the Malapuram site and I should like to take an opportunity of visiting the other site also, but I cannot make a definite promise when I can do so."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I take it that correspondence is going on also with reference to the Timmalapuram site?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. Sundara Rao Nayudu :—"Is it a fact that the Tungabhadra river is going to be connected with the river Cooum?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I don't think so."

Mr. T. Sundara Rao Nayudu :—"May I know whether it is part and parcel of the scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I don't think so."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I request the hon. Member for Revenue to come to Bellary at the time of the Christmas, because I believe Mr. Tasker of the Nizam's Government, who is interested in Irrigation schemes, is also visiting Bellary at that time ?"

The hon. the President :—"Order, order. I do not think it is a supplementary question."

Mr. T. Narasa Reddi :—"May I know how many districts are affected by the proposed scheme ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I think four ; Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool and Cuddapah."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"Considering the recommendation of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee, may I know whether the Government have decided to treat the Tungabhadra Scheme by itself or merely as part of a larger scheme including Kistna also ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"We are also considering the Kistna Scheme."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know whether along with the Tungabhadra Project, other projects also are considered and whether the execution of the other projects like Belahal are dependent on the Tungabhadra Project."

The hon. Mr A. Y. G. Campbell :—"With regard to the particular one which the hon. Member refers, I am not quite sure whether it is also included."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know if the other projects or portions thereof may be executed irrespective of the fact whether or not the Tungabhadra project is carried out ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"I cannot answer without knowing what Projects are referred to."

Loans

Repayment of takavi loans in Bellary district.

*17 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Revenue officials in the Bellary district are calling upon the ryots to pay the takavi loans immediately in spite of representations from them that they cannot pay them as they have not yet harvested crops and that they are unable to get advances on their crops from merchants owing to the prevailing economic depression of trade ; and

(b) whether the Government would be pleased to issue instructions to postpone their collection for a period of six months by which time they can sell their produce including cotton ?

A.—(a) & (b) The payments in question relate to instalments which fell due for collection in March and April 1930 and which have remained uncollected since then. Tahsildars have been instructed by the Collector to make liberal use of rule IX of the revised Loan Rules in cases in which the repayment of the instalment will be unduly burdensome. The Tahsildars of